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SUBJECT: ACYPL EXCHANGES: APRIL 18-MAY 4 CYO VISIT AND SEMINAR

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1. DISCUSSED APRIL 18-MAY4 CYO VISIT TO U.S. WITH CYO OFFICIALS DURING CHAIRMAN PROKOPOV. SOVIETS AGAIN EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE HAVE WEST COAST, OR AT LEAST MIDWEST, CITY INCLUDED ITINERARY (PROKOPOV OPINED THAT ORIGINAL ITINERARY "NOT FAIR" BECAUSE IT PROVIDED FOR SO MUCH LESS TRAVEL THAN SOVIETS HAD PROVIDED FOR 1974 ACYPL DELEGATION). SOVIETS WERE SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BY AGREEMENT ADD BIRMINGHAM AND PERHAPS FLORIDA TO ITINERARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT WASHINGTON-BIRMINGHAM-FLORIDA-BOSTON-NEW YORK WOULD BE "SATISFACTORY."

2. SOVIETS AGREED TO ADD "ROLE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN FORMULATION OF FOREIGN POLICY" UNDER ITEM I AS SUGGESTED BY ACYPL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SPENCER OLIVER WE PASSED ON OLIVER'S REQUEST TO DELETE PROGRAMMED DISCUSSIONS OF SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL WORK OF YOUTH BECAUSE U.S. PARTICIPANTS WOULD NOT HAVE TECHNICAL OR SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND. SOVIETS RESPONDED BY SAYING THEY UNDERSTOOD OLIVER' REASONING AND WOULD NOT EXPECT TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS ON TECHNICAL BASIS,
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BUT THAT THEY WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS FROM POLITICAL

POINT OF VIEW.

3. DURING AMBASSADOR'S DINNER FOR RETURNED POLITICAL JOURNALIST DELEGATION, BOTH CYO OFFICIALS AND DELEGATION MEMBERS MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF HAVING EVERY DELEGATION VISIT WEST COAST, ALSO SUGGESTED THAT VISIT TO INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR TALKING WITH WORKERS BE INCLUDED ON EVERY ITINERARY.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES INCLUSION OF WEST COAST CITY ON APRIL 18-MAY 4 ITINERARY IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH OLIVER. IF NOT, MIDWESTERN CITY LIKE MINNEAPOLIS, ST. LOUIS OR PERHAPS DETROIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE.
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